

2004 Report of Accomplishments Lincoln County Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2004 Summary

- *Water quality, soil erosion, and land management have been improved in Lincoln County through the cost share program.*
- *With \$42,391 in grant cost share funding the district was able to offer 15 cooperators implement projects. Today \$35,391 is still left to implement in Best Management Projects.*
- *107 Wildlife Watering Facilities (guzzlers) were sold in Lincoln and Spokane County.*



Waterway Implementation

Mission of the Lincoln County Conservation District

- *To protect, educate and enhance Lincoln County's natural resource base, or SWAPAH (soil, water, air, plants, animals and humans). We believe all of our natural resource base affects water quality. Recognizing that our mission is to protect and enhance SWAPAH of Lincoln County through an integrated approach and educate the general public about the responsible use of SWAPAH (soil, water, air, planets, animals and humans). We promote the responsible use, increased knowledge and research of our natural resource base.*

Water Quality Implementation

- *The district was able to offer funding to 15 cooperators for cost-share BMP practices.*
- *Of the 15 cooperators one irrigation improvement system has been installed increasing the irrigation efficiency from 65% to 70%.*
- *An Hp Laptop Computer and portable printer were purchased. A digital video/camera was also purchased to help document projects and their functions. These documents will serve as an education/information tool for Lincoln County.*

Basic Funding

- *The district was able to install 18 frost tubes with landowner's cooperation.*
- *Distribute district newsletters to 1,448 people*
- *Educate employee at FarWest Agribusiness, Washington Society of Professional Soil Scientists, Soil & Water Conservation Society, and Foundation Training.*
- *Dues paid: Pacific NW Direct Seed Association, NACD, WACD, Big Bend Insurance, National Arbor Day Foundation, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Washington Farm Forestry and Ground Water Foundation.*
- *Helped to cover District election costs.*

Local Funding

- *Tax Assessment; the District receives a tax assessment which helps run and fund the District. The tax assessment helps with the implementation projects, water monitoring and is used as in-kind match for grants.*

Professional Engineering

- *On site inspection has taken place at three sites. Implementation will take place on two sites in the up coming months.*

Dairy

- *There is 1 dairy in Lincoln County, action taken has been: staying in contact and keeping up to date on the Department of Ag dairy's transition.*

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *21 Individual landowners keep track of the monthly rainfall and reported it to the district for the area.*
- *18 landowners installed frost tubes and tracked the frost depth and reported it to the district.*

Information & Education

- *2 Quarterly district newsletters were distributed to a total of 1,448 people. The newsletters keep the public involved with the district activities and upcoming events.*
- *The district in cooperation with the WSU Extension Office co-hosted a WSU Wilkie Farm Tour, and 5 Lincoln County growers meetings.*
- *District staff was also able to attend 4 training activities.*
- *Advertised, promoted and help secure funding for four campers to the Inland Empire Natural Resource Youth Camp.*

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Abandoned Well Closure